

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 2021



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

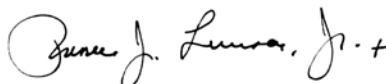
FROM THE RECTOR

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "*Come, follow Me...*" (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., Rector

Prayers Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Please continue to take CORONA virus precautions. We encourage all who visit our campus to be fully vaccinated. If not vaccinated, we request you wear a mask while on our campus; or continue to participate in the variety of virtual offerings for worship, education and fellowship. Please note that anyone not abiding by these recommendations is doing so at his or her own risk. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTICE: St. Martin's is a gun-free campus.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

OCTOBER 24

Adults

8+ with the Rev. Alex Graham III

8:55-9:25 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall



This class is a Clergy-led coffee and discussion following the 8 a.m. service. Each class focuses on one of the lectionary readings for the day.

Theology for Life with the Rev. Dr. Jim Jackson

How Can I Change? Reflections on Christianity and the 12-Steps

10:15-11 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



This class features a series of Biblical, theological and historical topics that engage the mind and heart in worship of God and living a life of faith.

Life in Christ with Mr. David Lumpkins

The Reality of Evil

10:15-11 a.m. | Chapel Reception Hall



The class will look at what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the present age, from who Christ is to the message He shared and how we might follow Him today.

Family Life Class

Breakfast Club

10:15-10:45 a.m. | Crosswalk



This is a slightly shorter class for parents of younger families and that meets after the Family Table service three times a month—twice for class and once for a breakfast social.

Creative Spaces with the Rev. Sharron Cox

The Contemplative Life: Learning to Read

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center



This class looks at life, faith and prayer in different ways in different electives, looking at contemplative spirituality, contemporary life and more.

Seekers with the Rev. Dick Elwood

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Aerobics Room



This class is for more senior parishioners for fellowship and lectionary-based Bible study.

Adult Confirmation Class with the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin

10:15-11 a.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall



This class is for adults desiring to learn about the Episcopal Church and what makes the Anglican heritage unique. Adults also have the opportunity to prepare for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church.

*For more information about Adult Christian Education,
email Katwana Coleman at kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

7-1-7 Students

Episcopal Youth Community

10:15-11 a.m. | Student Life Center



Grades 6-12 are welcome to join Student Ministries for coffee, lemonade, donuts and conversation about the Scriptures shared in worship.

*For more information about 7-1-7 Students
email Student Ministries at students@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

Youth Choir

10:15-11 a.m. | Rehearsal in Student Life Center



St. Martin's Youth Choir, for students in grades 6-12, musically engages older singers while preparing them to become active, contributing members of our Parish.

*For more information about Youth Choir
email Carole Nelson at cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

10:15-11 a.m. | Children's Life Center

We have engaging lessons, curriculum and content for both preschool and elementary school. Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through four-year-olds as well.



Communion Instruction

10:15-11 a.m. | Children's Life Center

This four-week series teaching children about the Eucharist is designed for children in grade 2 and older, but all ages are invited to attend.



*For more information about Children's Ministry
email Holli Kight at hkight@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

Choristers

8:30-9 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center

9 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center



St. Martin's Choristers, for children in grades 1-5, make joyful and beautiful music while affording them a special place in the worship services at St. Martin's.

*For more information about Choristers
email Carole Nelson at cnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.*

OCTOBER 25-30

Adults

Saintly Stitches

Monday, Oct. 25

9 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Upper Hall East



Saintly Stitches fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, Oct. 26

6:30-8:30 p.m. | Welcome Center



EfM is a challenging and affirming four-year study developed and administered by the University of the South's School of Theology. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Church Tours

Wednesday, Oct. 27

10:45-11:15 a.m. | Christ Chapel

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | The Church



The Church and Christ Chapel will be open for tours. To schedule a group tour, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Noon-3 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East



St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at Ineilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

OSL Healing Ministry Study Group

Wednesday, Oct. 27

4:30-6 p.m. | Chapel Reception Hall and via Zoom



Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as a licensed OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s

Wednesday, Oct. 27

7-9 p.m. | Welcome Center



Join this group of singles and couples without children for a weekly dinner followed by a discussion about the lives and work of great theologians. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 28

7-9 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal Hall



Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin at cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Sterling's Market

Saturday, Oct. 30 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-noon | St. Martin's West Parking Lot



The mission of the Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church is to glorify God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information and to volunteer, contact info@sterlingsmarket.org.

Men

Men of St. Martin's

Thursday, Oct. 28

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall



This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Chad Martin at cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Dads' Bible Study

Thursday, Oct. 28

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center



Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. No registration is necessary to attend the discussions. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at rwarning@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Women

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, Oct. 26

9-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room



Knit and crochet shawls to be blessed for those in need of prayer. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

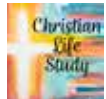
Christian Life Study

Tuesday, Oct. 26 – Evening Group

6:30–8 p.m. | Via Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 28 – Morning Group

9:30–11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center, Children's Life Center and via Zoom



This friendly and loving group of women meets over the course of the year to target various topics in the Bible to deepen faith. For more information, contact the Rev. Marty Bastian at lgallien@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

The Moms' Group

Wednesday, Oct. 27

9:15–10:30 a.m. | Children's Life Center or via Zoom



Join mothers of infants through grade 12 students for a book study of "Listening to God" by Carolyn Nystrom. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at scox@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Blanket Ladies

Wednesday, Oct. 27

10-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room



Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. For more information, contact the Rev. Lisa Neilson at lnelson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

7-1-7 Students

Life Groups

Wednesday, Oct. 27

6:30–8 p.m. | Student Life Center



Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at jferguson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY "Sonata"

Felix Mendelssohn

The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.

HYMN 371 "Thou Whose Almighty Word"



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - ri - ous ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780–1825), alt.; Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

Begin on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

G L O R I A (*said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.*)



Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven;
to his feet thy tri - bute bring; ran - somed,
healed, re - stored, for - gi - ven, e - ver - more his
prai - ses sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Praise the e - ver - las - ting King.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847); Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800–1880).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONJeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 603 (vs. 1-2).....“When Christ was Lifted”

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 39.

HYMN 603 (vs. 3-4).....“When Christ was Lifted”



1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
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Please be seated.

THE SERMON “Just the Old Blind Beggar” *The Rev. Sharron. L. Cox*

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP p. 327*)

Celebrant and People

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to
the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.**

And I believe one holy catholic and
apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 387,
Form III) (kneel)

Minister and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop
of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael;
for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector; for all bishops,
priests and deacons;
**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word
and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief
or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in our armed forces and their families; for persecuted Christians; for victims of terror attacks; for an end to war and conflict; for victims of natural disasters; for first responders; for those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus; for health care workers; for those in the hospitals,__; for those whom our prayers have been requested,__; for those on our Continuing Prayer List; for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers,__; for the dearly departed,__; and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly or in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (BCP p. 394)

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is kept.

Minister and People (BCP p. 331)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Priest stands and says (BCP p. 332)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

T H E P E A C E *(stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

W E L C O M E A N D A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Please be seated.



Christmas Flowers

Remember a loved one with poinsettias decorating The Church at Christmas. All requests received by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, will be included in the Christmas Flowers listing available in the worship booklets at all Christmas services. Any requests received after the deadline will be published in worship booklets in the weeks following Christmas. Make your flower dedication online at bit.ly/ChristmasAltarFlowers.

For more information, contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or bollenburger@stmartinsepicopal.org.



THE GATHERING

For church members and others in our community who suffer with memory loss

This program meets on the fourth Monday of each month 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Bagby Parish Hall.



For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
9 A.M.–NOON
ST. MARTIN'S WEST PARKING LOT

RAIN OR SHINE

*The mission of the Sterling's Market at St. Martin's
Episcopal Church is to glorify God through sharing
the Gospel and the bounties of the earth
with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors.*

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INFO@STERLINGSMARKET.ORG

STERLING'S MARKET
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER, VISIT
BIT.LY/VOLUNTEER_STERLINGS_MARKET

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



CCSC Work Day

Saturday, Oct. 30 | 9 a.m.–noon
3434 Branard, Houston, TX 77027

Organize and distribute food at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). CCSC assists the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy, and provides a back-to-school and Christmas program for low-income children.

Contact outreach@stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information.



SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR
Healing and Wholeness



St. Martin's International OSL Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service
Wednesday, Nov. 3 | 5 p.m.
Parish Life Center or via Zoom
bit.ly/oslservice

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at
kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

THE MOST RELUCTANT CONVERT

The Untold Story of *C. S. Lewis*

Nationwide Premiere
Wednesday, Nov. 3
Many Houston Locations

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Matinee Showing
Sunday, Nov. 7
Memorial City Mall

Visit cslewismovie.com for tickets and all locations.

In the movie, an elder C.S. Lewis looks back on his remarkable journey from hard-boiled atheist to the most renowned Christian writer of the past century.

The movie features award-winning actor and friend of St. Martin's, Max McLean, as the older Lewis and Nicholas Ralph, star of PBS Masterpiece's *All Creatures Great and Small*, as the young Lewis.

MEN of ST. MARTIN'S



**NOV. 4
7 A.M.
BAGBY PARISH HALL**

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Robert Sloan
President of Houston Baptist University



This year's study is "Acts" by N.T. Wright

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AND SPEAKER SERIES

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Dania Lainez at 713-985-3845 or dlainez@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



HOUSTON CIVIC SYMPHONY CONCERT

*Friday, Nov. 5
7 p.m.
The Church*

The Houston Civic Symphony is a group of highly talented musicians who gather under the direction of Dr. Brian Runnels to perform the masterworks of the symphonic repertoire.

For more information, contact
Angel Romero at 713-830-4135 or
aromero@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



SATURDAY, NOV. 6 | 10 A.M.
CHILDREN'S LIFE CENTER

Special Guest: Kelly Prucnal

Kelly Prucnal will provide volunteer ideas and updates to help prepare for the group's February Outreach project at Bo's Place.

The non-profit provides grief support services for adults, children and families.

For more information, please contact Tracee Martin at
tmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org.



The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's invite you to our Fall Luncheon

HOPE — for a — WOMAN'S HEART



TUESDAY, NOV. 9

With Guest Speaker Pam Tebow
11:30 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

Tickets are \$35 each or \$350 for a table of 10.

Registration link bit.ly/ecwfallluncheon2021

Complimentary childcare is available with your reservation.

— **Check in & Fellowship 11 a.m.** —
Luncheon & Program 11:30 a.m. —

*The mission of The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's
Episcopal Church is to bring women together for fellowship, service,
and outreach while spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.*

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman
at 713-830-4110 or kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

..... Join us for
ST. MARTIN'S DAY AND VETERANS DAY SERVICES
SUNDAY, NOV. 7



ST. MARTIN'S DAY **PARISH FAMILY PICTURE**

10:15 a.m. • The Church Plaza

Fellowship and Family Fun Immediately following Parish
Family Picture • Bagby Parish Hall



VETERANS DAY AT ST. MARTIN'S

**A Special Service Honoring Veterans with Patriotic Music
and Guest Speakers** 6 p.m. • The Church



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
FORMER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
JOHN H. DALTON

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- The Honorable and Mrs. James A. Baker, III
- Former U.S. Marine Captain James Bell
- The Rev. Victor Thomas, Rector
St. James Episcopal Church
- Executive Director of USO Houston
Loren Westerfield

FAMILY DINNERS



**Sunday, Nov. 7
5 p.m.
Student Life Center**

Students in 6th-12th grade and their families are invited to a monthly Sunday dinner hosted by Student Ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other and spend time in community with the whole family.



DAY GROUP



**1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Nov. 10
Children's Life Center, Room 132**

The Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

**For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110
or kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.**



ST. MARTIN'S *Cooking* CLASSES

**Thursday, Nov. 11 · 6-8 p.m.
Parish Life Center Kitchen**

This fall, St. Martin's introduces Cooking Classes with professional chefs—including our own Chef Julio Flores. The series are designed for all skill levels and perfect for those interested in sharpening their culinary skills and sharing in fellowship.

**Register for this class with Chef Julio Flores
at bit.ly/stmartinscooking3**

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU! GOD LOVES YOU!

General Questions

Contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040.

Prayer Requests

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THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “He, Watching Over Israel”
Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

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AT THE PRESENTATION

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711); Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(BCP p. 340) (stand)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, using quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord'. The second staff contains 'God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy'. The third staff contains 'glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.'. The fourth staff contains 'Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the'. The fifth staff contains 'Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.'.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord

God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy

glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the

Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

The Celebrant continues (BCP p. 341) (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(BCP p. 336)*

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Celtic Alleluia*



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Then may be said

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation. (BCP p. 338)

Distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. At this time, we are offering only the wafer, which is considered full Communion in the Episcopal Church. Please tell the priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

ANTHEM "If Ye Love Me"

Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Ev'n the Spirit of truth.

Text: John 14: 15-17. © HW Gray.

HYMN "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Je-sus Name a-bove all names, Beau-ti-ful Sav-iour, Glo-ri-ous Lord; Em-
man-u-el, God— is with us, Bless-ed Re-deem-er, Liv-ing Word.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody with lyrics: 'Je-sus Name a-bove all names, Beau-ti-ful Sav-iour, Glo-ri-ous Lord; Em-'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'man-u-el, God— is with us, Bless-ed Re-deem-er, Liv-ing Word.' There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in the first staff and two in the second staff.

Text and Music: Nada Hearn; Copyright © 1974, 1978 Scripture in Song, ARR. UBP. CCLI #805314.

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores thee! My
heart is glad to say the— words: thou art ho - ly, Lord.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the melody with lyrics: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores thee! My'. The second system continues the melody with lyrics: 'heart is glad to say the— words: thou art ho - ly, Lord.' The score features a variety of chordal textures and melodic lines.

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HYMN 324“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”



1 Let all mortal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885); Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. (BCP p. 339)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 423“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.; Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of James Arthur Adams
by Molly and Travis Adams

In thanksgiving for the baptism of George Dealey Jackson
by Taylor and Jeff Jackson

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Randa Kelley Treat
by Martha Lauren and Justin Treat

In loving memory of L. Henry Gissel, Jr. on the anniversary of his birth
by Lynn Gissel and family

In memory of David Milo Pierce
by Caroline Pierce



BAPTISMS

Oct. 10 Hendrik Yu Zhao

Oct. 16 Jackson Carter Black
 James Patrick Darby III
 Ingrid Frey Fox
 Davis McGregor May



WEDDINGS

Oct. 16 Heather Lee Mellinger and Besart Dibra



SYMPATHY

Aug. 27 John Newton Neighbors

Oct. 16 Michael Ross Adams

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OTHER READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALMPsalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE EPISTLEHebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the *Continuing Prayers* list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Harvey Altmann	Melinda Hall	Michelle McStravick
Shelly Bain	Walesk Harvey	Hal Means
Jack Beeson	Susie Hatfield	Len Menefee
Alli Blackman	Elizabeth Hill	Mary Kay Mohrmann
Cory Blackman	Mollie Hill	Fran Neilson
Grace Blake	Jeff Holden	Ann Nelson
Michele Bouchard	Elizabeth Holderfield	Rick Noble
John and Dianne Brock III	Britt Huckaby	Benice Nwabueze
Brock Burns	Ben Hunter	Judy and Jay O'Connor
Jane Cabes	Debra Ibarra Mayfield	Nancy Older
Elaine Chandler	Naomi Illeman	Jim Paddock
Elinor Christian	Wanda Jacobs	Randal Parrott
Higdon Compton, Jr.	Brittney Jacobson	Rebecca Parsons
Beth Costa	John Jamail	Opal Partch
Dawn Cunningham	Shirlee Jamail	Richard Partch
Gail Davis	Connie Jessen	Erin Pedigo
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Bobby deSosa	Sadie Knutzen	Caroline Rawl
Betty DeVerter	Paige Laird	Rocky Robinson
Chase Dixon	Amy Lee	Robert Rosales
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Jim Easterling	Shawn Levenson	Essa Sackllah
Stacey Elliott	Nancy Liles	Tracy and Jimmy Sackllah
E.J. Farhood	Martha Ann Linden	Brady Samuelson
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Lauren Furr	Roberta Lloyd	Ellie Schilling
Brad Gallion	Ryan Logan	Pam Schubert
Robbie Gay	Sharon M.	Robert and Sylvia Seals
Dee Gilbert	Jaclyn Manning	Janell Sewell
Max Goodloe	Nancy Margraves Hoover	Helen and Jim Shaffer
Hollis, McKay and	Jo Nell Marshall	Clif Shoemake
Rand Grace	Betsey Martin	Pat Smith
Steve and Amy Gula	Jeffrey Martinson	Richard Smith
Gladys Halbouty	BD McAndrew	Tyler Smith
Tish Hale	John McMahan	William Gilbert Smith

Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks before Easter and All Saints' Day. Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. To put someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Matthew Snellgrove	James Wilkerson	Laura
Bob Spencer	Tim Womack	Lorrie
Sybil Stephens	Tom Young	Luke
Jim Stokes	Eric Zoerb	Marilyn
Ethan Straatman	Anglican Communion	Mark
Aaron Strong	of Southern Africa	Matthew
Susan Strother	Ben	Millie
Paul Stumpff	Bruce	Noble Family
Marjorie Taishoff Craig	Caroline	Oran
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H. Michael Tyson	H.C.	Sally
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Mae Joyce Wagner	Jane	Thomas
Alexander Wang	Jenny	Victor and Barbara
Becky Wareing	John and Lisa	Wang family
Charles Warren	Karen	Ward
Mary Waters	Kathleen	Woody
Derry Wilkens	Kathryn	

Names we have received of those in the Armed Forces:

SSgt Clint Bahme	Capt. Cody Horr	Lt. Paul Piana
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Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at vrivera@stmartinsepiscopal.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

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